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Concordia Coal Mine at Zabrze  
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1. Coal mine Concordia is located on ul. Hagera in Zabrze. It is under the jurisdiction of the ZZPW (Zabrzanskie Zjednoczenie Przemyslu Weglowego — Unified Coal Mines of Zabrze).
2. Daily production of the mine is 1,500 truckloads, most of which is exported to the Soviet Union. A portion is shipped to the coke kilns for the production of coke.
3. The mine is operated on a 24-hour-per-day basis, employing over 1,500 workers in three eight-hour shifts. Working conditions in the mine are bad. In places, the miners are forced to crawl on their knees to work small shafts. Safety precautions are neglected.
4. The administrative structure of the mine is as follows:
  - a. Works council.
  - b. Party secretary and POP (Basic Party Organization).
  - c. Personnel section.
  - d. Planning section.
  - e. Technical (machinery) section:
    - (1) Above ground.
    - (2) Below ground.
  - f. Accounting and bookkeeping office.
5. The Concordia Mine has its own supply center, as well as a kitchen, a mess hall, a workers' hostel, etc.
6. Two office buildings belonging to the mine are located on ul. Hagera. A two-story building on ul. Kasprowicza houses the offices of the works council, the physician's office, the dispensary and the mess hall.
7. The production quota for the Concordia Mine was higher for 1953 than it was for 1952 and the mine experienced great difficulties in trying to meet it.

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8. A 15-man Industrial Guard detachment guards the mine and there is also a 15-man fire brigade.

9. Employees must show their service cards and employees' passes in order to be admitted to the mine. Both of these documents include photographs of the bearer. The employees' passes expire after six months and have to be renewed. In case of dismissal, an employee must turn in his service card and employee's pass to the mine administration.

10. The following personalities form the executive staff of the Concordia Mine:

- a. Idzik (fmu), chief director, about 50 years old, 175 cm. tall, with gray, balding hair. Although a PZPR (Polish United Workers Party) member, he often disagrees with the Party secretary and the works council.
- b. Hugo Jarczyk, technical manager, over 40 years old, 160 cm. tall, with dark blond hair. He is very afraid of losing his position, since one of his cousins is a high-ranking clergyman. Jarczyk is a member of the PZPR.
- c. Tadeusz Barciszewski, administrative director, over 40 years old. A PZPR member and an activist. During the German occupation of Poland, he acted as an informer for the Germans but at the same time he was working for the Soviets. The day the Soviet Army entered Poland he became a Soviet officer and informer. Speaks Polish, Russian and German fluently.
- d. Mejsa (fmu), chief of the personnel section, about 40 years old, 165 cm. tall, with dark hair and large ears. Member of the PZPR, and an informer for the UB. Mejsa was repatriated from France to Poland in 1947. Although he is a blackmarketeer, he never has been punished for his activities because the UB has always covered up for him.
- e. Michal Kopec, administrative official, 45 years old, 170 cm. tall, with dark, graying hair. Although a member of the PZPR, he displays an anti-Communist attitude and is rather decent.
- f. Emanuel Szostak, technical manager of work above ground, 50 years old, 170 cm. tall, with dark blond hair. Has held this position since 1945. Szostak is a member of the PZPR and an informer for the UB.
- g. Jozef Pytlik, personnel section, 40 years old, 170 cm. tall, with dark blond hair. Not a PZPR member; an anti-Communist; has been able to hold his position only because of his professional qualifications.
- h. Gerhard Buchta, chief of the accounting office, 40 years old, 158 cm. tall. Although a PZPR member, he usually disagrees with the Party secretary and the works council. Buchta holds his position because of his professional qualifications.
- i. Zuwala (fmu), welfare official and member of the works council, 38 years old, 168 cm. tall, with dark hair. A PZPR member, an activist and a UB informer.
- j. Florian Widera, assistant to the technical manager, 60 years old, 172 cm. tall, with blond, graying hair. A PZPR member, but an anti-Communist. Able to hold his position only because of his professional qualification. Widera has a brother in the U.S.
- k. Jozef Biela, head mining foreman, 35 years old, 170 cm. tall, with blond hair and blue eyes. Former officer in the German Army. Although Biela is not a PZPR member, he is hated by the other workers because it is rumored that he is a UB informer.

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